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The SPECTATOR.

Tandem de fine Matrem
Tempeſtiva ſequi viro. Hor. Od. 23.

Friday, February 29. 1712.

Mr. SPECTATOR, *Feb.* 7. 1711-12.

'I am a young Man about eighteen Years of 'Age, and have been in Love with a young 'Woman of the ſame Age about this half 'Year. I go to ſee her ſix Days in the Week, but never could have the Happineſs of being with her alone. If any of her Friends are at home, ſhe will ſee me in their Company; but if they be not in the Way, ſhe flies to her Chamber. I can diſcover no Signs of her Averſion; but either a Fear of falling into the Toils of Matrimony, or a childiſh Timidity, deprives us of an Interview apart, and drives us upon the Difficulty of languiſhing out our Lives in fruitleſs Expectation. Now, Mr. SPECTATOR, if you think us ripe for Oeconomy, perſwade the dear Creature, that to pine away into Barrenneſs and Deformity under a Mother's Shade, is not ſo honourable, nor does ſhe appear ſo amiable, as ſhe would in full Bloom. [*There is a great deal left out when he concludes.*]

Mr. SPECTATOR,
Your humble Servant,
Bob. Harmleſs.

IF this Gentleman be really no more than Eighteen, I muſt do him the Juſtice to ſay he is the moſt knowing Infant I have yet met with. He does not, I fear, yet underſtand, that all, he thinks of, is another Woman; therefore, till he has given a further Account of himſelf, the young Lady is hereby directed to keep cloſe to her Mother.

The SPECTATOR.

I cannot comply with the Requeſt in Mr. *Trott's* Letter; but let it go juſt as it came to my Hands, being ſo familiar with the old Gentleman, as well as he is to him. Since Mr. *Trott* has an Ambition to make him his Father-in-Law, he ought to treat him with more Reſpect; beſides, his Stile to me might have been more diſtant than he has thought fit to afford me: Moreover, his Miſtreſs muſt continue in her Confinement, till he has found out which Word in his Letter is not wrightly ſpelt.

Mr. SPECTATOR,

'I ſhall ever own my ſelf your obliged humble 'Servant for the Advice you gave me concerning my Dancing; which unluckily came too late: For, as I ſaid, I would not leave off Capering till I had your Opinion of the Matter; was at our famous Aſſembly the Day before I received your Papers, and there was obſerved by the old Gentleman, who was informed I had a Reſpect for his Daughter; told me I was an inſignificant little Fellow, and ſaid that for the Future he would take Care of his Child, ſo that he 'did not doubt but to croſſe my amorous Inclinations. The Lady is confin'd to her Chamber, 'and for my Part, am ready to hang my ſelf with 'the Thoughts that I have danced my ſelf out of 'Favour with her Father. I hope you will pardon 'the Trouble I give; but ſhall take it for a mighty Favour, if you will give me a little more of 'your Advice to put me in a write Way to cheat 'the old Dragon and obtain my Miſtreſs. I am 'once more,

SIR,
York, Feb. 23; 1711-12. *Your obliged humble Servant,* John Trott.

'Let me deſire you to make what Alterations you 'pleaſe, and inſert this as ſoon as poſſible. Pardon 'Miſtake by Haſte.

'I Never do pardon Miſtakes by Haſte.

The SPECTATOR.

'*SIR*, *Feb.* 27, 1711-12.

'PRAY be ſo kind as to let me know what you 'eſteem to be the chief Qualification of a 'good Poet, eſpecially of one who writes Plays; 'and you will very much oblige,

SIR,
Your very humble Servant,
N. B.

'TO be a very well-bred Man.

The SPECTATOR.

Mr. SPECTATOR,

'YOU are to know that I am naturally brave, and 'love Fighting as well as any Man in *England*. 'This gallant Temper of mine makes me extremely delighted with Battles on the Stage. I give 'you this Trouble to complain to you, that *Nicolini* refuſed to gratify me in that Part of the Opera for which I have moſt Taſte. I obſerve it's become a Cuſtom, that whenever any Gentlemen 'are particularly pleaſed with a Song, at their crying out *Encore* or *Altro Volto*, the Performer is ſo 'obliging as to ſing it over again. I was at the 'Opera the laſt time *Hydaſpes* was performed. At 'that Part of it where the Heroe engages with the 'Lion, the graceful Manner with which he put 'that terrible Monſter to Death gave me ſo great 'a Pleaſure, and at the ſame time ſo juſt a Senſe of 'that Gentleman's Intrepidity and Conduct, that 'I could not forbear deſiring a Repetition of it, 'by crying out *Altro Volto* in a very audible Voice; 'and my Friends flatter me that I pronounced thoſe 'Words with a tollerable good Accent, conſidering that was but the third Opera I had ever ſeen 'in my Life. Yet, notwithſtanding all this, there 'was ſo little Regard had to me, that the Lion

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'was carried off, and went to Bed, without being 'kill'd any more that Night. Now, Sir, pray 'consider that I did not understand a Word of 'what Mr. *Nicolini* said to this cruel Creature; 'besides, I have no Ear for Musick; so that during 'the long Dispute between 'em, the whole Enter-'tainment I had was from my Eye: Why then 'have not I as much Right to have a graceful Ac-'tion repeated as another has a pleasing Sound, since 'he only hears as I only see, and we neither of us 'know that there is any reasonable thing a doing? 'Pray Sir settle the Business of this Claim in the 'Audience, and let us know when we may cry '*Altro Volto Anglice, again, again*, for the Future. I am 'an *English*-Man, and expect some Reason or other to 'be given me, and perhaps an ordinary one may 'serve; but I expect your Answer.

I am, SIR,

Your most humble Servant,

Toby Rentfree.

Mr. SPECTATOR, *Nov.* 29.

'YOU must give me Leave, amongst the rest 'of your Female Correspondents, to address 'you about an Affair which has already given you 'many a Speculation; and which, I know, I need 'not tell you have had a very happy Influence 'over the adult Part of our Sex: But as many 'of us are either too old to learn, or too obstinate 'in the Pursuit of the Vanities which have been 'bred up with us from our Infancy, and all of us 'quitting the Stage whilst you are prompting us 'to act our Part well; you ought, methinks, ra-'ther to turn your Instructions for the Benefit of 'that Part of our Sex, who are yet in their na-'tive Innocence, and ignorant of the Vices and 'that Variety of Unhappinesses that reign amongst 'us.

'I must tell you, Mr. SPECTATOR, that it is as 'much a Part of your Office to oversee the Educati-'on of the female Part of the Nation, as well as 'of the Male; and to convince the World you 'are not partial, pray proceed to detect the Male-'Administration of Governesses as successfully as 'you have expos'd that of Pedagogues; and re-'scue our Sex from the Prejudice and Tyranny of 'Education as well as that of your own, who 'without your seasonable Interposition are like to 'improve upon the Vices that are now in vogue.

'I who know the Dignity of your Post, as SPEC-'TATOR, and the Authority a skillful Eye ought to 'bear in the Female World, could not forbear con-'sulting you, and beg your Advice in so critical a 'Point, as is that of the Education of young 'Gentlewomen: Having already provided my self 'with a very convenient House in a good Air, I'm 'not without Hope but that you will promote this 'generous Design. I must farther tell you, Sir, 'that all who shall be committed to my Conduct, 'beside the usual Accomplishments of the Needle, 'Dancing, and the French Tongue, shall not fail 'to be your constant Readers. It is therefore my 'humble Petition, that you will entertain the Town 'on this important Subject, and so far oblige a 'Stranger, as to raise a Curiosity and Enquiry in 'my Behalf, by publishing the following Adver-'tisement. I am,

SIR,

Your constant Admirer,

M. W.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

The Boarding-School for young Gentlewomen, which was formerly kept on Mile-End Green, *being broke down, there is now one set up almost opposite to it at the two Golden-Balls, and much more convenient in every Respect; where, beside the common Instructions given to young Gentlewomen, they will be taught the whole Art of Paistrey and Preserving, with whatever may render them accomplished. Those who please to make Trial of the Vigilance and Ability of the Persons concerned, may enquire at the two Golden-Balls on* Mile-End Green *near* Stepney, *where they will receive further Satisfaction.*

This is to give Notice, that the SPECTATOR *has taken upon him to be Visitant of all Boarding-Schools where young Women are educated; and designs to proceed in the said Office after the same Manner that the Visitants of Colleges do in the two famous Universities of this Land.*

All Lovers who write to the SPECTATOR, *are desired to forbear one Expression which is in most of the Letters to him, either out of Laziness or want of Invention, and is true of not above two thousand Women in the whole World; viz.* She has in her all that is valuable in Woman.

The Hudson's-Bay-Company give Notice, That their 3d Dividend on Apprentices will be paid the 20 of April next (pursuant to their Proposal), and that they require all Persons who have not already proved their Claim and lodged their Proof with the Register, to do the same on or before the 23d of March next. They also require all such Persons who have not already paid their Quarterage, (which was due the 25th of December last), to pay the same on or before the 29th of this instant February, or they will be excluded. And whereas the said Company have been informed of some Frauds designed at the said Dividend, they therefore give Notice, That whosoever shall discover any Person who shall presume to make Claim on any Clerk or Apprentice who was either Dead, Married or Deserted from their respective Services, shall upon Proof of such Fraud receive the Sum of 20 s. Reward, provided such Proof be made before the 25th of March next. Attendance is given at their House in Fenchurch-street, from 10 in the Forenoon till 2, and from 4 till 7 in the Evening, where Proposals are given Gratis for the Benefit of Single Persons on their Marriage, and for Apprentices, and Youths designed for Apprenticeship. Note, Marriages may be registered for 6 Months, Apprentices for 13 Months, and Youths 6 Months.

Whereas two Letters, one dated Thursday Morning and the other Wednesday Night, are come to Hand from a Person who on Wednesday the 20th of February in the Morning went away from the House in London where he lived, and (in his Day took his Leave of one who was to go to Cambridge; This may certify, that if the Writer of the said Letters will return to the House from whence he went, he shall find Reception if he returns immediately.

Wm Tazwell undertakes to accomplish Gentlemen, or other Persons of either Sex above the Age of 14 Years, in the compleat knowledge of the Latin Tongue, and make them capable of rendring Latin into English, and English into Latin, (by their Attendance only an Hour at a time 3 Days in a Week) in 3 Months time from his first beginning to teach them, tho' they never have had the Language before: And that by an easie practical Method, entirely new, founded upon undeniable Reason and Experience, and wholly free from the tedious Forms of Schools, as not to require much Study or Pains, or be in the least burthensome to the Memory, but pleasant as well as profitable, and does not tire the Person's Patience in Learning, or break the Thoughts from, or hinder any Business He is to be agreed with next the Blue Anchor and Crown in Prince Street near Stocks-Market, the lower end of the Street, where he may be taught, or at their own Dwelling.

Notice is hereby given, that at Mr. William Watkins's Mountain Vault in Queen's-Head Yard near the Pigeon in St. James's street, is sold by Retale excellent Mountain-Malaga Wine at 6 s. 8 d. per Gallon or 1 s. 9 d. per Quart, being a fine Parcel, just landed, and of the best Growth in Spain.

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